

From: jmortali@aol.com <jmortali@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us
Cc: Tim Lee <TLee@FILLaw.com>
Subject: North Haven P & Z, Care of Alan Fredricksen re: Slate School

Good afternoon Mr. Fredricksen,

I am a Hamden resident who would like to voice my support for the Slate School. Our neighbor attends there, he loves it and has been thriving in various ways since attending. This has truly been an amazing opportunity for him.

I support the plans for The Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven and ask that you consider it as well.

Thank you for your time,

Renee Mortali

From: olivier durand <olivierdurand38@hotmail.fr>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 11:26 PM
To: Fredrickson.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us <Fredrickson.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com <TLee@fillaw.com>; Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Subject: The Slate School

Hello there,

I am writing this email in support of the Slate School. I reside at 73 Whitney Ridge Terrace in North Haven and work in New Haven. I believe the addition of another Slate School will benefit our community greatly.

Thank you,

Olivier Durand

February 22, 2021
Via Email

Attention:

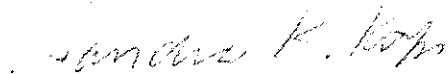
Alan Fredricksen, Land Use Administrator
Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us

Re: P&Z Town Approval for Construction of Slate Upper School

Dear North Haven P&Z Commission,

I am a long-time Hamden resident, and I am the Director of Nutrition Security Solutions food pantries. I support the Slate Upper School located at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven. I have friends living in Hamden whose children attend Slate Lower School. Quality education provides the foundation for equity in society.

Sincerely,



Sandra Kops
496 Newhall Street
Hamden, CT 06514

Cc: Tim Lee TLee@FILLaw.com, Slate School
info@slateschool.org, Dan Pflug dan.pflug@gmail.com

Alan Fredricksen

From: ANNE BENOWITZ <ahben11@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: Slate School; tlee@fillaw.com
Subject: Fwd: The Slate School

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This was returned the 1st time, so I am re-sending.

----- Original Message -----

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To: "fredericksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us" <fredericksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>
Cc: "tlee@fillaw.com" <tlee@fillaw.com>, Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Date: 02/22/2021 12:26 PM
Subject: The Slate School

Dear Alan,

I hope all is well with you and hope you have had a great start to the New Year.

This note is a note of great support for the new Slate School "Upper School" being proposed at 5100 Ridge Road, which is before the Committee this Wednesday. I hope this will sail through approvals, as it is a terrific project from an Economic Development perspective, as well as a welcome addition to our choice of schools within the Region. The Clarks have proven to be great "neighbors" of the area, with the opening and continued running of the lower school. My hope, as a resident, is to have projects like these to see continued support and encouragement. Thank you.

Best regards,

Anne Benowitz
15 Marion Drive
North Haven

Alan Fredricksen

From: Peter Longley <P.B.Longley@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 21, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate's Upper School plans for 5100 Ridge Road

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To whom it may concern at the Town of North Haven Wetlands and P&Z Commissions,

I am a resident of Ridge Road in the Blue Hills section of North Haven and am very supportive of Slate's School's plans for the Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road. I believe this will be a welcome addition to the town. As with the addition of the Lower Slate School, there has been absolutely no impact to traffic or the area. I think it will make Ridge Road a more desirable location of town to live in and value its addition.

Feel free to reach out to me for further discussion.

Thank you,
Peter B. Longley
2262 Ridge Road

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February 15, 2021

Via Email

North Haven P&Z

Attention:

Alan Fredricksen, Land Use Administrator
Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us

Re: P&Z Town Approval for Construction of Slate Upper School

Dear Mr. Fredricksen and North Haven P&Z,

The purpose of this letter is to show my support for Slate School's plans to begin construction of an Upper School on land located at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven, CT.

I am a long-time resident of Hamden and the former Director of Economic and Neighborhood Development and current Director of Community Resource Management in the Town of Hamden. I also manage the Hamden Business Incubator. I have friends and colleagues whose children attend Slate Lower School.

Quality education provides the foundation for equity and growth in our community. Slate's unique, curiosity-driven and nature-based school will attract families and help drive equity and growth in Hamden and the surrounding areas. Our incubator promotes creativity, strong learning values and inclusiveness, which are part of the Slate School's mission. I totally support their mission.

For this reason, I kindly ask that you approve construction for the Slate Upper School.

Sincerely,

Dale Kroop

Dale Kroop

Hamden Resident
Director of Community Resource Management, Town of Hamden

Cc: Tim Lee TLee@FILLaw.com, Slate School info@slateschool.org, Abran Smith
abranjsmith@gmail.com

Leslie Carney

From: Alan Fredricksen
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 10:44 AM
To: Leslie Carney
Subject: FW: Slate School Letters
Attachments: Slate-School-P&Z-020421.pdf; slate letters012182.pdf

Leslie,

Can you take a look at these to determine which ones we already have and which ones we don't have.

Alan

From: Tim Lee <TLee@FILLaw.com>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen <Fredricksen.Alan@northhaven-ct.gov>
Subject: FW: Slate School Letters

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Good morning Alan,

Attached are a total of 26 letters in support of the Slate School application. My client noticed that they were not yet posted on the website. You may not received many of them because they did not have your correct email address. At some point prior to the public hearing, I will come to the P&ZC office to review the file and prepare an index of the letters so that it is easier to keep track of them all.

Timothy J. Lee, Esq.
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New Haven, Ct 06511
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Leslie Carney

From: Alan Fredricksen
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:51 AM
To: Leslie Carney
Subject: Fwd: In Support of Upper Grades at Slate Upper School

Please print this for the P&Z Commission.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Myun Hwa Dunlop <myunhwa.dunlop@gmail.com>
Date: February 11, 2021 at 8:38:41 AM EST
To: Alan Fredricksen <Fredricksen.Alan@northhaven-ct.gov>
Cc: info@slateschool.org
Subject: In Support of Upper Grades at Slate Upper School

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Dear Mr. Fredrickson:

I am a resident of Hamden, and our friends send their two children, River and Zen Perera, to Slate School. I have heard so much about the wonderful education and environment Slate School has provided for our friends and it would be a shame to have to stop this at the end of elementary school. So, I am in full support of the Slate Upper School plan for 5100 Ridge Road.

Sincerely,

Myun Hwa Dunlop

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"All shall work together for good; everything is needful that He sends; nothing can be needful that He withholds...Above all, keep close to the throne of grace. If we seem to get no good by attempting to draw near Him, we may be sure we shall get none by keeping away from Him." <John Newton>

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From: Alan Fredricksen
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To: Leslie Carney
Subject: Fwd: Karen Pellegrino Letter
Attachments: SLATE LETTER.docx

Don't we already have this letter?

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Tim Lee <TLee@fillaw.com>
Date: February 11, 2021 at 10:02:43 AM EST
To: Alan Fredricksen <Fredricksen.Alan@northhaven-ct.gov>
Subject: **FW: Karen Pellegrino Letter**

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Good morning Alan,
Attached is another letter of support from Karen Pellegrino.

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Kathy <longlekk@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 8, 2021 4:18 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: m Lee; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Upper Slate School Approval

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Thank you,
Kathy Longley
2262 Ridge Road

Alan Fredricksen

From: Barbara Gene Wilson <barbaragenewilson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 7, 2021 5:32 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School

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Good afternoon,

I recently became aware that the proposal for Slate Upper School is in need for some support. My daughter will be starting Slate Lower School this coming fall and I wanted to share some of my thoughts.

When our daughter was around one year old, we came across an advertisement for Slate School. We were very much living in the moment, as much as you can with first borns, and the thought of her going to school had not even crossed our minds yet. However, the advertisement had captured our attention and we were excited to learn more about it. Slate School was still in it's drawing and planning phase...it was an exceptional idea and one which my husband and I were moved to learn more about. We simply loved their philosophy of child-led learning, their broad-mindedness and the breathtaking landscape. While we assumed we would never be able to afford such a magical school, we continued to watch it blossom and were eager to see the magnificent treasure it would no doubt become. "Those kids will be so lucky," we thought.

Four years later, we decided to apply to Slate School. They have incredible financial aid and are a need blind school which provides affordability to all students. We were gracefully accepted and Slate School kept their promises. We are so incredibly elated to send our daughter to Slate School and be able to afford it. It is no doubt a true miracle. It is an actual dream come true.

Slate School had a dream, a true masterpiece. Our family feels so fortunate and blessed to be a part of the Slate School community. We look forward to watching our children grow and receive all of the blessings Slate Lower and Slate Upper School has to offer.

Kindly,
Barbara Gene Wilson

CATHY-ANN DE MAYO

1591 Hartford Turnpike, North Haven, CT 06473 · 203-494-2591
Mschef413@yahoo.com

February 5, 2021

Town of North Haven
Attn: Wetlands Commission
Attn: Planning and Zoning Commission
North Haven, CT 06473

VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Re: Proposed – Slate Upper School, 5100 Ridge Road

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of North Haven for some 35 years, and more specifically the “Blue Hills” neighborhood, I write today to voice my support of the proposed Slate Upper School project to be located at 5100 Ridge Road. The Administrators of this school have successfully completed and operated the original Slate School at 124 Mansfield Road with little or no impact to the neighborhood. I see no reason to believe that they will not be successful at the Ridge Road site as well.

I highly support their efforts.

Sincerely,

Cathy-Ann De Mayo

Cathy-Ann De Mayo

RICHARD J. DE MAYO

1591 Hartford Turnpike, North Haven, CT 06473 · 203-530-3090
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February 5, 2021

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I highly support their efforts.

Sincerely,

Richard J. De Mayo

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Smith, Emily R. <esmith@fairfield.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, February 3, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Support for Slate's Application

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To Whom it Make Concern,

I am writing to provide my support for Slate's application to provide extended education via the upper school.

Thank you,

Instructional Continuity website: faculty.fairfield.edu/cae/continuity

Emily R. Smith, PhD

Professor, English Education

Advisor, English, Math & Science Education

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Alan Fredricksen

From: George Giering <georgejr@gieringmetalfinishing.com>
Sent: Monday, February 1, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Slate School

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To whom it may concern,

I was briefed by a customer about Slate Schools relationship to North Haven last week. As a resident of North Haven for 18 years, a Hamden business owner and a big fan of my friend, Mike Freda, I cannot think of any reason why the town would not want such a banner of educational excellence on our docket. I have witnessed some great management in the last few years here in North Haven. We want Slate School to continue our town's pride.

Thank you in advance,
George & Jennifer Giering

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Danielle Ginnetti <danielle.ginnetti@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 9:54 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: The Slate School

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Hello there,

I am writing this email in support of the Slate School. I reside at 73 Whitney Ridge Terrace in North Haven and work in New Haven. I can think of no better addition to the North Haven community than the addition of another Slate school. I believe in their philosophy and think it is a bright spot in our community.

All best,
Danielle Ginnetti

North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission
Attention: Mr. Alan Fredricksen

January 31, 2021

To the Members of the North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission,

Re: Slate School Upper School Addition Proposal,
5100 Outer Ridge Road, North Haven

We write to you concerning the Slate School Upper School Addition Proposal which is currently before the Commission. We are North Haven residents and while we do not live in the Outer Ridge Road area, we do have experience with the Slate School. It is the very philosophy of the Slate School which we believe needs to be given consideration in this matter.

From its inception, the Slate School has been deeply committed to respect for the environment in terms of its design, its stewardship of land, and in its educational curriculum. The environmentally friendly vision and action of the Slate School is broad in scope. Composting, extensive recycling, exclusive planting of native species, encouragement of and care for wildlife are just a few demonstrations of the Slate School's dedication to preserving and supporting the environment for the benefit of our community. Those efforts further seek to instill environmental consciousness in Slate School students who will take those lessons into the future.

It is our hope that the Planning and Zoning Commission, the neighbors adjacent to the proposed school property, and the Slate School community will come to an agreement which will allow the construction of the Upper School. Even in this, the School's plan is to utilize recycled building materials. If any educational institution can meet the environmental concerns of our time, we believe it is the Slate School.

Thank you for your consideration of our thoughts.

Arthur & Gail Bellucci
11 Garfield Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473

Alan Fredricksen

From: Roz Gambardella <rozg713@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 31, 2021 10:58 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Subject: Fwd: Slate School

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From: Roz Gambardella <rozg713@yahoo.com>
Date: January 30, 2021 at 10:48:21 AM EST
To: fredrickson.alan@town.northaven.ct.us
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com, info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate School

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Sincerely,
Roz Gambardella

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North Haven, CT
203-230-9200

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Tim Lee

From: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 10:49 AM
To: Tim Lee
Cc: Julie Mountcastle
Subject: Fw: Slate School

Hi Tim,

It looks like Alan's email address is spelled wrong. Can you please be sure that this is sent to him? Thank you!

From: Roz Gambardella <rozg713@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Slate School

I am writing this letter in support of the Slate School-and it's plan for expansion. I have been a resident of North Haven for over 50 years . As an educator ,a member of the board of education , and ACES governing board I feel qualified to express my opinion. While my life has been dedicated to public education I have always recognized the need for private, smaller settings for learning. I have visited the Slate School and I was impressed by it's innovation and sound developmental practices.

Because of the Pandemic and the desire of many metropolitan people to relocate to the suburbs The Slate School would fill the needs of many who are looking for a sound learning experience. The focus on the arts for the proposed school reflect Mr. And Mrs. Clarks commitment to the arts in the New Haven area. It is with pleasure that I support the Slate School's new proposal. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

Alicia Clapp
1014 Hartford Tpke
North Haven,CT.
203-407-1774

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Rebecca Hardin, Associate Professor

January 30 2021

To whom it may concern,

I write this letter in support of the expansion of Slate School toward upper school educational facilities in its current community in Connecticut. I write as a lifelong supporter of public education, who has elected to step out of private universities and teach only in public ones, and who has consistently sent my own child to public schools since kindergarten, and with excellent results in her education as a citizen and a thinker. That said, as a researcher increasingly engaged in exploration of needed changes to our curricula and educational systems in the interest of averting environmental crisis for a next generation, I see crucial roles for communities like yours, collaborative crucibles for new approaches, and bold steps beyond the “status quo” in how we train students to problem solve, and conceive of work and innovation. I firmly believe that in future we will need to rethink the roles of schools in our communities, connecting them far better to work in food systems, energy systems, water systems, and other resource conservation and management systems. I believe Slate School can pioneer such approaches successfully.

Having worked with Jennifer Staple since she was herself a young college student in my classrooms, I know well her unusual capacity to create positive change through generous, mutually beneficial collaboration. I watched her work hard to create a global network that would reduce injustice in access to eye care worldwide through meaningful connections of educators, students and medical professionals (as she has done with Unite for Sight). I fully anticipate that the infrastructure and ideas behind the Slate Schools in your community will become highly influential and important for sustainability and environmental solutions work, and that it will reflect well on you all, advancing your community’s reputation in wider worlds.

In my site visits to Slate School with teams from the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability and the School of Education’s Center for Educational Design Evaluation and Research, I have met with architects and engineers, educators and affiliated artists, writers, and social entrepreneurs, all part of the Slate community. In observing their innovations for a low impact facility, their interactions among students and their teachers for student centered learning, and their innovations in free webinars and online content to grow networks of educational innovators and leaders globally, I have become firmly convinced that this is an important model.

University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability
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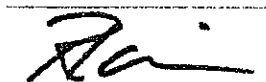
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In sum, Slate seems to me committed to being a force for positive change in its community, and in the world. In everything from infrastructural design to digital innovation Slate shows a reverence for surrounding landscapes, an explicit concern about contributions to the future, and a fierce and generous teamwork ethos that ensures their successes will be shared to suffuse educational and community development practices more widely. Jennifer has long said that the process of dialogue with local community members about their concerns, hopes and fears about Slate's primary school has been one of the most important growth and improvement opportunities she has known for her vision, and her execution of it. I don't doubt current debates will be similarly crucial for centering Slate's expansion in ways that ensure that all community members—whether human or other life forms for whom North Haven is home—can better thrive in the long run, confronting the coming changes that climate change will bring, and ensuring that your growth as a community is, indeed, economically advantageous for you without being environmentally destructive as so much commercial development can be. I and my colleagues and students will continue observational and research engagement in Slate's model. One of my fundamental research questions—important for communities in India, Africa, and Appalachia where I also work, is about the extent to which educational complexes (rather than shopping malls, casinos and other pillars of conventional "development") can better ensure that communities protect and educate others about their unique natural and social assets, in an increasingly volatile world.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns/questions.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Hardin, Associate Professor



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Tim Lee

From: Jennifer Staple Clark <jstaple@uniteforsight.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 10:13 AM
To: Julie Mountcastle; Tim Lee
Subject: Fw: Slate School - Upper School

From: Jordan Levy <jd@ubuntupathways.org>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 10:04 AM
To: fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us <fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>
Cc: Slate School <info@slateschool.org>
Subject: Slate School - Upper School

To Whom it May Concern,

We wanted to express our support for the Slate School and its plans for its upper school. We first found out about the idea for the school from our friend and colleague Jennifer Staple Clark. We have worked with Jennifer for years. She is an amazing organizer who brings together non profit and health professionals for discussions around improving health, education and development outcomes for vulnerable people around the world.

When she told us that she was creating this amazing school, we were intrigued as we work for an organization called Ubuntu Pathways. Ubuntu is a nonprofit organization that provides an integrated support system of health, education, and social support in the townships of Port Elizabeth, South Africa. We had recently constructed a school in Port Elizabeth, South Africa and were able to provide some insight on what values and principals had worked and the challenges we had faced.

Jennifer invited us to meet with staff, visit the campus and give some advice in the early stages. It was an honor to be involved. What we saw was a school that valued each child and fed off of their creativity and passion. We saw a school that would fuel a thirst for knowledge and nurture responsible, environmentally conscious and forward thinking young people.

Our experiences at Slate School were extremely positive and we hope they are able to continue to provide this wonderful educational opportunity to the community.

Thank you,
Jana Zindell and Jordan Levy

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Jordan Levy
Chief External Relations Officer

Ubuntu Pathways

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Xanthe <xanthe.robinson449@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 10:38 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: info@slateschool.org; tlee@fillaw.com
Subject: Slate School

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Xanthe Robinson and a life long resident of Hamden, CT. I know somebody's daughter that attends Slate School and I have heard nothing but such wonderful aspects that are much different than how most of the other schools are. It is a school that fosters life long learning, acknowledging the children's passions and incorporating nature into it. With a successful K through 6 currently at Slate school, it would only be of utmost importance to let these future innovative leaders continue their meaningful educational experiences from 7-12 at Upper Slate. Please seriously consider allowing for the development of this eco-friendly school that will and should serve as models for the rest of the country.

Thank you for your time,
Xanthe Robinson

Alan Fredricksen

From: alyssa ciccarini <alyssa.ciccarini@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 11:53 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen; TLee@fillaw.com; lisa@lisabok.com
Subject: Slate School

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Hello, my name is Alyssa Ciccarini and I am a resident of the Hamden community who supports the Slate Upper School plan for 5100 Ridge Road. I believe that creativity is extremely important to the development of children and I feel strongly that the curriculum at Slate School present many opportunities for children to reach their potential.

Thank you

Alan Fredricksen

From: Renaldo Acosta <renaldoacosta7@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org; lisa@lisabok.com
Subject: Slate Upper School Plan

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Dear Planning and Zoning,

My name is Renaldo Acosta and I've lived in Hamden most of my life. Many people may be hesitant for a school to be built due to there being more traffic, construction noises, more people, etc. but I would love for everybody to look at the bigger picture. Once all the construction is done, what Upper Slate will bring not only to the students but to the whole community will be priceless and beyond rewarding. We definitely need to see more schools such as Slate to provide the most meaningful and exceptional education which is hard to come by these days.

Thank you for my consideration,
Renaldo Acosta

Alan Fredricksen

From: DONNA LEVINE <sdsij@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 3:10 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate School

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Dear Mr. Fredericksen,

I live and work in the Blue Hills neighborhood and am very pleased to hear that the Slate School has begun the process of seeking approval to open an upper school. I have been very pleased with the way the lower school has contributed to the neighborhood and to the area in general.

I understand that the Blue Hills Neighborhood Association has opposed this endeavor. In the past several years, I have never been invited to participate in such an Association, give my opinions or views on any neighborhood matters, and have never received communications from them. I don't know who they are or who they represent. I assume my experience is typical, which would make me highly suspicious of their opinions and motives. They certainly do not represent my perspective or perhaps even most of the people in the neighborhood. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Attorney Donna R. Levine
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North Haven, CT 06473
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Email sdsij@aol.com

Alan Fredricksen

From: Sid Levine <howdysid@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School Wetlands Hearing

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I am writing in support of the proposed Slate Upper School. I feel the Slate Lower School has been a successful addition to the Blue Hills neighborhood and to the town of North Haven and that the Upper School will add even more value. I would suspect that it's not often that a town, even one as well run as North Haven, has the opportunity to add a very high quality educational facility to its list of attractions for those considering moving to North Haven. In addition, I think it is wonderful that the school was started by two North Haven residents. I also am not represented by the so called Blue Hills Neighborhood Association and they have never contacted me regarding this matter.

Sid Levine
23 LeGrand Road
North Haven, CT

HSent from my iPad

Alan Fredricksen

From: Dave Greco <davidfgreco@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 5:10 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen; TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Re: Blue Hills Association Does Not Exist Re Slate Upper School

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Hello,

Re the proposed Slate Upper School, we're writing again in support of this project.

Additionally, the town decision makers should be aware that we have lived on Mountain Brook Rd. since 2006 and we've never heard of "The Blue Hills Neighborhood Association". Of it does exist it does not communicate with the neighborhood, ask for opinions of the neighborhood, hold or publicize any meetings open to the public, or offer voting opportunities, etc.

As a family who actually lives in the Blue Hills area, we wish there was an association to join. It would be a great addition to our neighborhood as well as the Upper Slate School.

However, we feel this "association" is either made up completely, may exist only on paper and is a far cry from the truth. Is it only a small group of folks?

Amy and I are in favor of Slate's Upper School. This "association" is misleading and not a formal organization and we'd like to know who the Board of Directors are for such an entity.

Thank you,

Dave & Amy Greco
8 Mountain Brook Rd.
North Haven, CT 06473

Sent from my iPhone

Alan Fredricksen

From: Matt Morrow <mattcm911@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 9:04 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: info@slateschool.org; tlee@fillaw.com
Subject: Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road

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Good afternoon! My name is Matthew Morrow. I've lived in the town of Hamden most my life, and definitely am in support of the Slate Upper School plan at 5100 Ridge Road! I think the education system needs a lot of work and this would be moving it in the right direction. Thank you!

Alan Fredricksen

From: cbluzzi@aol.com
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Slate Upper School

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To the Wetlands and P&Z Commissions,

As supporters of the Slate Upper School project (and taxpayers - 105 Kings Highway), we feel it's important to bring to your attention that the entity named "Blue Hills Neighborhood Association" is again using similar tactics as it did with the lower school Slate School project several years ago. Their inferences that they represent the Blue Hills area residents is insincere (I'm being polite) as we certainly have not been approached to "join" or asked for input relative to the Slate Upper School project or anything else for that matter. We have no idea who the members of the Blue Hill Association are or what their involvement is in the community, other than to oppose the Slate School projects. If they are reserving their membership only to those that oppose these projects then it is inappropriate for them to infer that they are an Association that represents the entire Blue Hills area. They **do not**. There are many Blue Hills supporters of the Slate School projects and we just want to bring that to the attention of the members of your commissions.

As stated in our previous e-mail supporting the Upper School project, the Clarks and their school at 124 Mansfield have a proven track record of their commitment to the community of the Blue Hills area and the entire Town of North Haven. What has the Blue Hills Neighborhood Association done?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Charlotte & Joe Luzzi
105 Kings Highway

North Haven Planning and Zoning
c/o Alan Fredrickson

Re: Slate School – Upper School

Dear Members of the North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission,

I am writing in support of the development of the Upper School (grades 7-12) for Slate School. The lower school was created and filled a need for an independent day school based on an alternative and creative process for learning. The Lower School was constructed with a respect for limiting the impact on the environment and the neighboring community.

I believe the same considerations, limiting the environmental impact on the area adjacent to the Sleeping Giant State Park and respect for the surrounding community, will be reflected in the Upper School. I also feel this would be a good use of the land in the area.

The Clarks have demonstrated that they are good stewards of the land and have a health respect for the environment and the neighborhood.

I hope the members of the Planning and Zoning will approve the development of the Slate School upper campus.

Thank you.

Ruth Bryant
30 Blue Hills Road
North Haven

From: dancyn3 <dancyn3@aol.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 08:30 PM

To: Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us <Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>

Cc: Tlee@FILLaw.com <Tlee@FILLaw.com>; Slate School <info@slateschool.org>

Subject: slate school

My grandson has been attending Slate school for 3 years and is thriving in this atmosphere.

I congratulate all involved with the school. It has been a godsend for my grandson.

I want to state my total support for the upper school planned. I urge you to continue with the plans for the sake of the children. Thank you,
Cynthy Halby

From: Joanne Swift <joanne.swift@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 09:13 AM
To: alan@town.north-haven.ct.us <alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>
Subject: Slate Upper School

Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

My name is Joanne Swift and I live in the town of Milford Connecticut. I have a good friend whose son attends the third grade at Slate School, 124 Mansfield Road North Haven. He has been there for 3 years and is having an incredible learning experience. Slate School is a socially conscientious, environmentally aware, and educationally wise program for their son. I am wholeheartedly enthusiastic and in complete support of Slate School creating the Slate Upper School at the location of 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven.

Slate School is an extraordinary school that is so needed, not just as a grammar school but as a school that will carry children through all of their formative academic years. The Slate upper school is important for the current Slate children but also for our society. Slate Schools curiosity-driven, nature-based learning style will create a ripple effect that will one day change the way children learn for the better.

As residences of Connecticut we are grateful to Slate School for continuing their dedication to children by creating an Upper School that will benefit the North Haven community as well as the surrounding communities.

Thank you North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission for approving the Slate Upper School project and showing your dedication to education.

Joanne Swift

From: Beth Griffin <bgriffin8677@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2021 05:57 PM

To: Fredricksen.alan@townnorth-haven.ct.us <Fredricksen.alan@townnorth-haven.ct.us>;

TLee@fillaw.xom <TLee@fillaw.xom>; Slate School <info@slateschool.org>

Subject: Slate Upper School

I am writing to support the Slate Upper School on Ridge Road in North Haven, I understand that there is a group of ppl in Hamden against this project and was so surprised to hear this. Slate is an outstanding independent school offering an outstanding education and has been a "godsend to many children and parents who currently attend." I know of one particular student who is currently attending the Slate and he is thriving. In their other location Slate has demonstrated that they are wonderful neighbors, 100 percent green, and will address the concerns of their neighbors. Just as Hopkins School in NH is an integral part of the NH community so will Slate be. They will open their doors to the community. Please give this your project your utmost consideration as it will be beneficial to North Haven and the NH community at large. thank you.

Beth Griffin

Mulberry Hill, Hamden, CT.

From: **roger leach** <rogerleach_617@yahoo.com>

Date: Wed, Jan 27, 2021 at 10:08 AM

Subject:

To: <andreanezat1@gmail.com>

Hi my name is Roger Leach, I own property in Hamden Connecticut. My nephew August Nezat goes to Slate School at [124 Mansfield Rd. North Haven Connecticut.](#)

I am in full support of Slate School creating an upper school at 5100 Ridge Rd. North Haven. Slate School will be an incredible neighbor to the neighborhood. The existence of the Slate upper school will be an asset to North Haven and the neighborhood it's in. The school is on the cutting edge teaching children how to learn for modern day . Don't we want our future leaders to be nimble in thinking? Don't we want children who are stewards of the land? Slate School is teaching this.

Give Slate School a chance to prove they will be good neighbors. Please make my nephew's dreams come true as well as the children of Connecticut by allowing Slate School to build its upper school.

Thank you,

Roger Leach

From: Karen Lenois <karenlenois@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 1:06 PM

To: Fredricksen.alan@town.north-have

Cc: Tim Lee <TLee@FILLaw.com>

Subject: Upper School - Slate School

Dear Mr. Fredricksen:

As a resident of North Haven for 47 years and a former Special Education Educator , I would like to share that I am enthusiastically supportive of the Slate Upper School's use at 5100 Ridge Road. I feel that Slate School's form of instruction, which also adheres to Connecticut State Educational guide lines, has proven to benefit many children that desire this alternate way of education today. With the addition of upper school availability at Slate School, all children wishing to attend an upper school using this model, will have the opportunity to complete their high school education with success and confidence. Our children are our Future. Slate School's program has proven to help them in this endeavor, by giving them the much-needed tools they will need to succeed.

Karen Lenois
60 Ridgewood Avenue
North Haven, Connecticut

***** Karen Lenois
KarenLenois@hotmail.com *****



*We are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ
Romans 1:16*

January 12, 2021

Greetings,

As the former property owner I was asked to provide a little background as to the use of the property at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven, known as Mount Carmel Christian Church. As I look back and see how much the Mount Carmel Church campus was used and was a part of the community it reinforced how much the property is a vital part of the community.

The sanctuary meeting room was utilized for the most part by 50 people but it would support as many as 125 for special events. The fixed seating was kept to 75 because of the building codes. Above that would have required elevators and other expenses. Keeping it at 75 kept initial costs low but the goal was for a 75 to 100 person congregation. Formal services were Wednesday and Sunday. But meetings and gatherings were held daily and on Saturdays. Attendance for worship would vary but 50 is a good mean.

The building was used almost daily by various groups; Moms morning out, Vets for Vets, a ladies Community Bible Study and others on a regular basis. We didn't rent the building out but we allowed it's use for community events; Sandy Hook Prayer Vigil, Blue Hills Neighborhood Association meetings, concerts, performances and rehearsal space for a community arts group to name a few. These activities took place in the evenings.

The parking lot was also used by neighboring residents as overflow parking when they had gatherings at their homes and needed extra parking. Hallmark Channel used it for several weeks when they filmed nearby on location for extra parking and storage. Many visitors used our lot to park for Sleeping Giant State Park.

The Closer to Free charity bike ride for Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center used the property and facilities as a stop during their event.

For some time we even had a gathering of moms with kids, 3-5 moms, 10+ kids. They met different mornings during the week for coffee, visiting and playgroup activities.

As you can see, the Mount Carmel Campus, building and property, was used quite extensively for groups of 50 and above. The vision was for a congregation of over 100 with expansion plans being considered should we grow to that size. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Kind Regards,

Rev. Don Rivers
President
Racing with Jesus Ministries

From: Sarah Lambert <outlook_D978AADD907161E4@outlook.com> on behalf of Sarah Lambert <s.lambert@snet.net>

Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 04:33 PM

To: Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us <Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>

Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com <TLee@FILLaw.com>; Slate School <info@slateschool.org>

Subject: Slate Upper School, 5100 Ridge Road, North Haven, CT

Dear Members of the North Haven Planning and Zoning board,

I am writing to you in support of the Slate Upper School which is being planned at 5100 Ridge Rd, North Haven.

My wife and I are residents of Upper Ridge Road and have been for over 20 years. We are near neighbors to the Slate School, 124 Mansfield Road North Haven, and watched with excitement as the school was being meticulously built. We have attended several seminars at the school to get a feel for the quality of education as well as the impact to the beauty of the Blues Hills section of North Haven. We are extremely pleased to find how the Slate School has blended into the surrounding landscape as well as the positive impact on the environment and use of this property. The Slate School has proven to be an excellent neighbor and as stewards of this land has preserved its beauty for future generations to enjoy.

The educational process that the Slate School has adopted has proven to be one in which the students are motivated and eager to learn and look forward to attending school each day. This type of creative learning is giving these students the tools they will need to face complex challenges in the future with confidence and perseverance.

I was recently called upon by a Slate School student to help with his research project. I was incredibly amazed at how advanced this 8 year old young man was especially by the maturity of the questions he prepared and posed to me.

I know with full conviction that the Slate Upper School will bring forth this same quality of education to young expanding minds as well as being a good neighbor to the Blue Hills section of town.

Therefore, I am respectfully requesting that the North Haven Planning and Zoning board pass without hesitation and grant the necessary permits so the Slate Upper School, 5100 Ridge Road, can begin to meet its goal of opening in the Fall of 2024.

Sincerely,
Thomas Lambert, Jr
2271 Ridge Road
North Haven, CT 06473-1216

From: lynnmccall60@comcast.net <lynnmccall60@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 5:27 PM

To: Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us <Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>

Cc: Jennifer Staple Clark <jstaple@uniteforsight.org>

Subject: Slate School

Dear Alan,

Just a brief note to let you know that my husband Doug and I are in full support of the Upper Slate School project. The elementary school on Mansfield Road has been a good neighbor to us and we are in full support of the new building and expansion.

All the best,

Lynn McCall
60 Mansfield Road
North Haven, CT. 07473

Sent from my iPhone

From: Shawn Kelly <shawnhkelly@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 13, 2020 09:51 PM
To: Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us <Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>
Cc: [Averi Kelly <Averi.kelly@gmail.com>](mailto:Averi.kelly@gmail.com); Tlee@fillaw.com <Tlee@fillaw.com>; [Slate School <info@slateschool.org>](mailto:info@slateschool.org)
Subject: North Haven P&Z - Jan 4 - Slate Upper School 5100 Ridge Road

Dear North Haven Planning and Zoning Commission,

I hope this email finds you well. My wife and I are writing today to express our support for the Slate Upper School project at 5100 Ridge Road. It is our understanding that this project will go before the commission at the January 4th meeting.

As residents of North Haven (as well as new parents), having educational opportunities that place an emphasis on a curiosity-driven and arts integrated curriculum -- like at the Slate School -- is vitally important to us.

I have seen the value of such an integrated curriculum first hand -- during my time as an administrator at The Juilliard School. There, inspiration and learning is drawn from many sources, including nature, history, literature, and the interpersonal. This pedagogical combination results not only in a high quality education, but also imbues students with a sense of empathy, dedication, and a passion for continued self-growth. This is the type of educational institution we want in North Haven -- and the type of education we believe the Slate Upper School will provide.

As a small business owner (and as a Board Certified Dance Movement Therapist), my wife has had the privilege of working with the Slate Lower School students. She has worked with them to express social, emotional, and educational concepts through movement and dance.

She has been incredibly impressed with the earnestness the students have in their approach to learning. Not only through movement, but in all they do. There is a brightness in their eyes as they seek to find answers for themselves -- either through dance, art, nature, exploration, or experimentation.

As we've hopefully made clear, we feel a passion when it comes to supporting the type of education provided by the Slate School. We look forward to the commission's approval and the continued upward trajectory such an approval has on the Town of North Haven.

Thank you for your consideration and best regards,

Shawn and Averi Kelly

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Shawn Kelly
shawnhkelly@gmail.com
(c) 985-259-0212

From: Julie Bossenberry <jbossenberry@snet.net>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 11:57 AM
To: fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us
Cc: Tim Lee <TLee@FILLaw.com>
Subject: Support for Slate School Upper School Application-5100 Ridge Rd.

To the members of Planning and Zoning Committee:

I have written before to express my support of the Slate School lower school project and feel compelled to write again to communicate my absolute and unreserved support for the proposed Slate School Upper School at 5100 Ridge Rd.

I have personally visited the lower school and observed firsthand the unique approach to education that is evident in every student and faculty member. The care and attention given to every detail of the physical space is reflected in its connection to the natural landscape. To say that I was impressed is a gross understatement.

The school is not just a building, it is designed to be an "inside, looking out" point of reference for the students. The Slate School project was born of a passion for a nature-based educational vision that was not available locally. The upper school will be a continuation of this enormously successful school.

If you have not visited the Slate School at 124 Mansfield Rd., I encourage you to experience it for yourselves. It will give you an inkling of the kind of neighbors and stewards of the land the Clarks are and will certainly continue to be at 5100 Ridge Rd.

I can only see positive benefits to our town by having this additional gem in our community.

I support the Slate Upper School application and look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful things that will happen in this special place, as I have followed the joyful happenings at the lower school. I encourage the committee to approve the thoughtful and thorough plan that is before you.

Sincerely,
Julie Bossenberry
80 Tokeneke Dr.

From: Juli Andrews <mrsjuli76@yahoo.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2020 04:17 PM

To: Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us <Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us>

Cc: TLee@FILLaw.com <TLee@FILLaw.com>; Slate School <info@slateschool.org>

Subject: Slate School Upper School

Dear North Haven Planning and Zoning Committee,

I am a Milford resident and my daughter is a third grade student student at Slate School. As a parent and educator I strongly support the mission of Slate School and the continuation of that mission with the addition of Slate Upper School.

Slate's program is innovative and they continually strive to impact the educational landscape both within and beyond their own campus. My daughter and her classmates are learning and thriving. We are so grateful to be a part of the school and community and hope for the opportunity to continue for many years.

As an educator I believe that programs like Slate are crucial for paving the way for progressive educational programs that benefit our students in so many ways. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Julianne Andrews

December 3, 2020

Via Email

North Haven P&Z

Attention:

Alan Fredricksen, Land Use Administrator

Fredricksen.alan@town.north-haven.ct.us

Re: P&Z Town Approval for Construction of Slate Upper School

Dear Mr. Fredricksen,

The purpose of this letter is to show our strong support for Slate School's plans to begin construction of an Upper School on land located at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven, CT and to highlight the importance of the Slate School model to our family.

Our daughter enrolled as a Kindergarten student at Slate School this past Fall. We are residents of Chester, CT. Despite living close to our outstanding local, public, elementary school, we choose to commute approximately forty minutes each way to Slate School because its curiosity-driven, nature-based learning program is unique in our area.

Since enrollment, we have seen so many positive developments in our daughter for which we are so grateful to the Slate Community. For example, she is learning how to learn, paying special attention to her own curiosities and interests, and taking initiative to pursue knowledge in those areas. She is also creating a value system and learning the importance of friendship and community. Our daughter loves Slate School, which we attribute in large part to outdoor time during the school day, the methodology used and the people with whom she interacts.

In order for our Kindergarten daughter, our two other young daughters and so many other Slate Community members to continue their unique academic journeys, it is very important to ensure that the Upper School vision becomes a reality. And based on the forward-thinking construction plans for the site it appears that the buildings themselves will be unique and admired by the community at large as well.

For so many reasons, we kindly ask that you approve construction for the Slate Upper School.

Sincerely,



Abran Smith & Kristin Smith
Slate School Parents

Cc: Tim Lee TLee@FILLaw.com, Slate School info@slateschool.org

Alan Fredricksen

From: John Cuozzo <jcuozzo@presscuozzo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@FILLLaw.com
Subject: Slate School

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Alan, Good morning. Hope this season finds you well. This email is intended to show my support for the location of the Slate Upper School. I believe that the town would be hard pressed to find an owner/user that would be more respectful of the environment and the surrounds in that location. John

John M Cuozzo Jr.
Press / Cuozzo Realtors
2751 Dixwell Avenue
Hamden, CT 06518
Phone 203-288-1900 x 124
Fax 203-288-0100
Voted CT Magazine Five Star Professional Award 2011-2021

Alan Fredricksen

From: WILLIAM JO ELLEN WICKWIRE <william.jo@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com; info@slateschool.org
Subject: Support of Slate Upper School

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Good morning.

I am a resident of North Haven. My husband and I have lived in this wonderful community for 18 years.

I am writing to express my support of The Slate Upper School's use of 5100 Ridge Road.

As a retired teacher, I believe that the future of our Community, our State and our Nation is contingent on the education of our young people. Providing our children with the best education and opportunities to learn in stimulating environments are some of the keys to success. Having dedicated educators provide quality educational experiences and challenge children to expand their horizons is a must.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support of The Slate Upper School.

JoEllen Wickwire
78 Ridgewood Avenue
North Haven, CT. 06473

203-288-9546

February 23, 2021

Mr. Alan Fredricksen
Land Use Administrator
Town Hall Annex
5 Linsley St.
North Haven, CT 06473

Re: Slate Upper School

Dear Mr. Fredericksen,

As a resident of the Town of North Haven for the past 17 years I am writing this letter to enthusiastically support the use of the Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Road in North Haven. I have been impressed with the quality and care that The Slate School has made not only in their curriculum but also in their design, construction and commitment to sustainability.

Their success has been another bright spot for a Town that I feel is very well run and managed.

Sincerely



Paul A. Campanelli
1080 Hartford Turnpike
North Haven, CT 06473
203-230-4897

Alan Fredricksen

From: Katy Kessler-Rinck <kkessler-rinck@slateschool.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 8:17 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: tlee@fillaw.com; Slate School
Subject: Slate School Support: North Haven P&Z, Care of Alan Fredricksen

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my unwavering support for the creation of the Slate Upper School in North Haven. I am a Slate School faculty member and mother of a current student. Since I last wrote, I have purchased a house in North Haven so that my family can be closer to Slate School.

As a New Haven and then Hamden resident, I never had the opportunity to travel to North Haven. It was Slate School that introduced me to the town that we will now call home, and it is the creation of the upper school that made my family sure that we should choose North Haven for our "forever" home.

The upper school will provide our family with the kind of education and community that we cannot find anywhere else in Connecticut. I have heard from other Slate families that more are considering making North Haven their home as well because of their connection to the school.

The elementary school has only been an asset to the town of North Haven - an institution that quietly blends into the natural surroundings but speaks loudly in the way that it nurtures its small group of children.

In gratitude,

Katy Kessler-Rinck

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Curator
Slate School

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Alan Fredricksen

From: Carmel Mastroianni <cmastr5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2021 9:01 PM
To: Alan Fredricksen
Cc: TLee@fillaw.com
Subject: Slate Upper School

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I am totally enthusiastic about the proposal for a Slate Upper School at 5100 Ridge Rd. Any town should be equally enthusiastic and proud to have a project of this caliber in their town.

Carmel D. Mastroianni
55 Gate Way
Hamden, Ct.
Sent from my iPad

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From: Ruth Bryant <ruthbryant5@aol.com>
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Subject: Slate School Upper Campus

Mr Alan Fredricksen,

I have attached a letter in support of the proposed Slate School Upper campus. If you would kindly forward it to the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission and also those on the Wetlands Commission I would appreciate it.

Thank you.

Ruth Bryant
30 Blue Hills Road
North Haven, CT

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed Upper Slate School campus. It has been brought to my attention that the group, Blue Hills Neighborhood Association, is claiming to represent the neighbors in the area who are against the expansion of the school. I vaguely remember when this group was formed and believed it to be one to enhance communication among neighbors. I did not realize it would be an instrument to obstruct every piece of proposed development in the area. As far as I know there have been no meetings, no surveys, no informative email regarding any projects, no contact at all. So, for this group to claim it represents the neighbors in the area is false and misleading. In

fact, I cannot even tell you who is in the group and who is the main organizer.

Originally, I had been asked to join but I have no idea how to “unjoin” or who to contact.

I hope you do not give much credibility to this claim of representing the neighbors in the area. As a neighbor and fairly close to where the Upper School would be located, I have no opposition to the development. In fact, based on what I have seen as to how the lower school was created, I am confident that the Upper School would be constructed in the same thoughtful and respectful (to the environment and neighborhood) manner.

I am hoping the committee will approve the application for Slate School Upper campus.

Thank you.